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DOJ Staff,

As a lifetime Republican, I have to say that I disagree with your decision to settle with MS. By not forcing MS to either open the OS to all developers and users, or split the company in some manner that levels the application developers world, you have limited the number of companies that will invest in new application development.

MS has for too long kept many OS 'hooks' private to the own developers. With the new habit of adding applications to the OS, it will make stand alone development more difficult since they can hide even more from outside developers.

How long will it be before MS Office is part of the OS?

MS does not drive the tech economy, their products are tools, just like hard drives, CPU's, and RAM. They should be treated no different.

Thank You,

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